

Donation Request Letter for the Village Fete 2026

FAO The Chair
Parish Council

Dear Chair,

I am reaching out on behalf of the Residents' Association with an urgent and heartfelt request for your financial support of the East Dean and Friston Village Fete 2026.

- For 2026 our theme is Planes, Trains and Automobiles, our Raffel this year will raise funds to cover the costs of the Fete and support future Fetes

This beloved event is far more than a tradition—it is the beating heart of our community. The Village Fete brings together residents of all ages, local groups, and businesses, creating a vibrant atmosphere of unity, joy, and pride. It is a celebration that strengthens the bonds between neighbours and fosters a spirit of generosity and inclusion.

Why Your Support Matters:

- **Empowering Our Community:** The Fete is organized entirely by volunteers and is free for everyone, ensuring that no one is excluded from the festivities. It is a rare opportunity for all to come together, regardless of background or means.
- **Supporting Local Causes:** In previous years, funds raised from the raffle were donated to a local good cause. Last year, Motcombe School benefited and the children enjoyed a traditional sports day—an experience that created lasting memories.
- **Boosting Local Businesses:** The event provides a valuable platform for local shops and businesses to connect with residents, driving economic activity and strengthening our village's prosperity.
- **Preserving Tradition:** The Fete is not a commercial venture, but a cherished community celebration. Its continued success depends on the generosity of sponsors and donors like you.

Organizing the Fete involves significant costs—insurance, licences, PAT testing, and facility hire, to name just a few. Without financial support, it becomes increasingly difficult to maintain the high standard and inclusivity that our community deserves.

Your donation will make a tangible difference. It will help us cover essential expenses, ensure the event remains free and accessible, and allow us to continue supporting local causes that matter deeply to our residents.

We urge the Parish Council to consider supporting the Fete in 2026 with a financial donation and join us in making this 2026's Village Fete a resounding success. Your support will be remembered and appreciated by every member of our community.

Thank you for your consideration and for all you do for East Dean and Friston.

Yours sincerely,

Yvonne Egan-Petzal

Chair of the Residents' Association